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EDITORIAL

We are back after a short break in July when we got to relax and breathe a little. However, we didn't completely wind down. SCAN was actively involved in the Pride of Place competition that took place in August in Shankill. Pride of Place is an all-Ireland competition that recognizes improvements made by local communities to create civic pride in their area. Our Chairperson, Paula Grey, was very busy organising the judges visit to Shankill with the support of DLR, other SCAN members and local groups, including Tidy Towns, Shankill Seniors Centre, The Bowling Club, Shankill/Ballybrack First Responders, GAA, SAGE and Castle Allotments.

Now reality bites with holidays over for most people and children back to school. In our latest issue many groups are looking back at what they were doing before the summer arrived as well as looking forward to their activities in the autumn and winter.

We also embrace the coming season but we do urgently need help to keep SCAN going. In our July issue, we looked for someone to help us with organizing the distribution of the magazine one morning a month in the bowling club. We feel sure that there is someone out there who could help us with this job. If you think it might be you, please contact us: leave us a message at 086 1065264 or email us at ***scanshankill10@gmail.com.***

LISTENING EAR - SUPPORT NETWORK FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED PEOPLE

The Network is open to persons of any faith and none. Meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 7.30 - 9p.m. in the Resource Centre.

You are welcome to contact **087 3646067** or email ***listeningear14@gmail.com*** and a supportive compassionate person in the network will respond and together you can discuss how we can be of help to you.

Complete confidentiality is guaranteed and everyone will be warm and friendly.

AA MEETINGS SHANKILL

Alcoholics Anonymous hosts meetings in Crinken Church Parish Hall every Monday at 8.30 p.m. and in St. Anne's Community Centre (beside St. Anne's Church) every Sunday at 8.30 pm. Doors open around 8.15 pm.

A welcome awaits you.

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

St. Anne's Resource Centre Shankill

If you are grieving the loss of someone special or have had a loss of any kind and would like to talk to someone, Bethany Bereavement offer free support to adults, with sympathy and compassion in confidence.

We have a drop-in service on the first Friday of each month at 10.30 am or if you prefer, we can meet with you in person. Just call the **01 282 2704** to arrange.

FIRST SATURDAY BOOK SALE

The September First Saturday Book Sale, which supports the Shankill Old Folks Association, will take place in the Shankill Day Centre, Lower Road, Shankill, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday September 7th and all are welcome to attend. Donations of books are appreciated but must be in a clean and good condition, are limited to two shopping bags per donor, and will be gratefully accepted only on the day of the book sale. The October First Saturday Book Sale will take place on Saturday October 5th.

SHANKILL CLASSICAL MUSIC CLUB

For this season we're switching to the second Wednesday of each month. So, the first sessions of the new season will be on Wed 11 September and Wed 9 October. Usual time and place: 7:45 in Shankill Day Centre, Lower Road, Shankill.

For further info please ring or text John O'Hagan: **087 2109175**.

SVP SHANKILL CONFERENCE

Do you need our help? You can call us directly at 087-696 2785. Alternately, call **01 855 0022** or go online at ***www.svp.ie.***

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CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS

Commencing Tuesday 24th September

Venue: **Shankill Tennis Club**

Time: **Tuesdays 2 pm to 4 pm**

Cost: **€125 for 10 week term**

Instructor: **Teresa Whitaker** *(CBAI accredited)*

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12-4PM

FAIR DEAL
NURSING HOME SUPPORT SCHEME
(continued from July SCAN)

Citizens Information

3-YEAR CAP – Some assets are only included in the financial assessment for the first 3 years you are in care. This is known as the '3-year cap'. It means that you pay a 7.5% contribution based on the value of certain assets for up to 3 years. The assets can include: Your home; The proceeds of the sale of your home; Your farm or business. After 3 years, you will not give any further payment based on these assets, even if you are still getting long-term nursing home care. The '3-year cap' applies whether you choose to get the Nursing Home Loan or not. All other assets will be taken into account for as long as you are in care. If you have already been in a nursing home for 3 years when you apply for the scheme, then you do not pay the 7.5% on your home.

COUPLES AND THE 'THREE-YEAR CAP' – If you are part of a couple, you will pay a 3.75% contribution based on your home for a maximum of 3 years. Your total contribution over the 3 years is capped at 11.25% of the property's value. If both partners are in care, the total contribution is capped at 22.5%. If you get the Nursing Home Loan for your home, your partner can also apply to have the repayment of the loan deferred for their lifetime. Your home will be removed from your financial assessment after you have been in care for 3 years. You do not need to do anything. If you sell your home while you are in care, the net proceeds of sale will also qualify for the 3-year cap. You need to contact your local nursing homes support scheme office if you sell your home.

FARMS AND BUSINESS OWNERS – Family-owned farms and businesses can be included in the '3-year cap' if they meet some conditions. These conditions include:

- You must apply to the HSE to appoint your family successor who will commit to running the farm or business for at least 6 years
- Your farm or business must have been actively run by you, your partner or your proposed family successor for at least 3 of the last 5 years
- A charge in favour of the HSE will be placed on the chargeable property of a business or farm

If you want your farm or business to be included in the '3-year cap', see Part 6 of the Fair Deal application form for information and application details. Your successor must be aged 18 or older and must be either your partner or a relative of yours or of your partner.

When the assessments are complete - When the Care Needs and Financial Assessments have been completed, the HSE will write to you about: What you need to pay as your contribution to care; Whether you qualify for State support and the Nursing Home Loan; What nursing homes are part of the scheme.

You may choose any nursing home that is part of Fair Deal as along as: The home has a place for you; The home can cater for your needs. The nursing home will have to carry out an assessment to decide if it can meet your needs. Your payment will be the same for voluntary, private or a public nursing home. You can request another financial review 12 months after your first assessment or your last review. However, the HSE may review a financial assessment at any stage.

Payment by the HSE - The HSE will start paying the State support and the nursing home loan from either of the following (depending on which date is later):The date that the application is approved OR Date you are admitted to the nursing home.

Waiting list - There is a set level of funding for the scheme each year, so your name may go onto a waiting list until funding becomes available. If this is the case, the HSE will let you know when it writes to tell you if you are eligible for State support. While you may be on a waiting list, the HSE will confirm you have been approved for financial support under the scheme.

(Source: www.citizensinformation.ie) ***{FAIR DEAL INFORMATION TO BE CONTINUED IN NEXT ISSUE OF SCAN}.***

The Citizens Information HELPLINE is:s 0818 07 4000- OR - Call in to the Citizens Information Centre at Marina House, Clarence Street, Dun Laoghaire at any time between 9.30 am and 4.00 pm, Monday to Friday. No appointment necessary. Clarence Street is the turning to the right at the traffic lights at the junction of Lower Georges Street, Cumberland Street and York Road, Dun Laoghaire. Citizens Information offers a Free, Confidential and Impartial Service to the citizens of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown on a very wide range of useful issues. OR Phone Dun Laoghaire CIC at: 0818 07 7400.

SUMMARY TABLE FOR 7.5% YEARLY CONTRIBUTION RE ASSETS

Asset	7.5% per year	3-year-cap	Option to take up Nursing Home Loan	Option to further defer
Chargeable asset	Yes	No	Yes, if they are a land-based asset in Ireland. Otherwise, no.	No
Principal Private Residence (your main home)	Yes	Yes	Yes, if it is in Ireland.	Yes
Farm or relevant Business	Yes	Yes (but certain qualifying criteria)	Yes, if they are a land-based asset in Ireland.	No

Shankill Tennis Club

We've had a very successful summer season here in Shankill Tennis Club. We kicked this success off with our Men's First Team becoming Runners up in the DLTC Class Three Summer League. The lads played some terrific tennis during their campaign reaching the finals in Sutton Tennis Club on a very wet day. They faced strong opposition from Clontarf 2, losing some tight matches but gaining promotion to Class 2.

Our juniors have also enjoyed some great success of late, both in Ireland and overseas. We've had players winning tournaments up and down the country, as well as players competing in European competitions abroad. This success is great testament to our fantastic coaches in Shankill.

Shankill Player Alicia Sutton in action during Windsor DLR Shankill Tennis Europe Event. Photo Credit: Tony Mac Namara

We recently had a taste of this European action in Shankill for ourselves. For the second year in a row Shankill hosted the Windsor DLR Shankill Tennis Europe Event. We had players coming from as far as Australia to compete in this event. A strong Irish field was also competing in the event, including two of our own juniors. This event in Shankill has given way to two fantastic new events which have happened in Shankill the last two years.

Firstly, we have the Inclusion Games. This is our national Championship for Junior Wheelchair Tennis and for Visually Impaired (VI) Tennis. We had lots of juniors from all around the country partake in this event. A highlight of the event being the "Mixed Doubles" where the able-bodied competitors from the Tennis Europe competition pair up with juniors with disabilities and play doubles games together.

DLTC Summer League Class 3 Runners-up - Shankill 1

Another event is the Ireland vs Australia friendly. In this event some of Ireland's top juniors took part in a competition with the Australian team who were on their European Tour. The Irish team was up against it as Australia fielded an immensely strong team but nevertheless put on a very strong performance.

We have had some fantastic social events for our members of late. The ladies' morning crew kicked off Summer with their annual ladies' lunch. The ladies' lunch is one of the highlights of the year in Shankill Tennis Club and brings a real summer feeling about the place.

Another thing synonymous with summer is of course Wimbledon and being Shankill's experts on all things tennis we put on a great show for our members. Our Wimbledon Event in Shankill Tennis Club was a resounding success. Members gathered to watch the Men's final together, Pimm's in hand, before enjoying some inspired tennis of their own. They then sat down to a feast which could rival the Wimbledon's Champions Dinner. A great time was had and a special well done to all the organisers.

That's all for our Summer in Shankill Tennis Club. A reminder that you're always welcome to come down to have a hit and that our membership is open. All details can be found on our website.

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SHANKILL FC
Part of Our Community

It was an incredible 2 weeks of football at our annual Champions League Tournament. We want to send a huge thank you to everyone who helped and participated in the event. The parents & kids were fantastic. Special thanks to the volunteers, coaches, sponsors, and as in every year, our referees who did a brilliant job.

Over 150 boys & girls had a fantastic time at each of our 2 Shamrock Rovers Summer Camps in Shanganagh Park in July & August.

Great surprise for our U14-9 team as local professional Newcastle United & Ireland U20 goalkeeper, Reece Byrne popped down to talk to the lads & present the awards for Player of the Year, Most Improved Player & Players Player of the Year. On behalf of Shankill FC, we would like to wish him all the best with his career and we look forward to seeing him on TV very soon.

For opportunities on all our boys & girls' teams from U7 to U19 and academies:

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Twitter: @ShankillFC
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It was a great tournament in August in memory of our good friend Stephen "Armer" Armstrong. 8 teams from the community entered & proceeds went to Blackrock Hospice.

Great to see the development of our new Astro facility in Stonebridge is now underway. This will be a huge benefit for our club and our community. Once again, we have partnered with our colleagues in Shankill GAA and DLR County Council to equally fund the facility which will also be available for all our local schools to use, and we know that will be a huge benefit for the kids of the community.

Huge congratulations to Shankill U12 Community Games team as they were crowned Leinster Champions for the 2nd year in a row.

Shankill Bowling Club

by Jack Byrne P.R.O.

SWEET SEPTEMBER

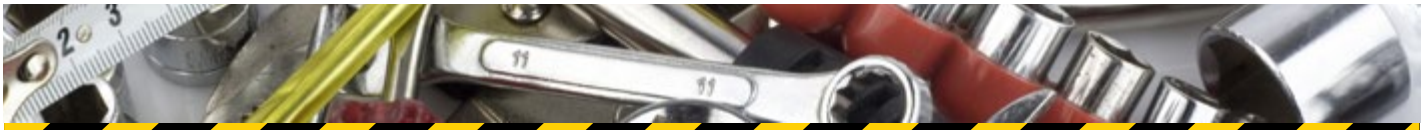
As I write this article we welcome the beautiful Autumnal month of September, a back to school month, and where this author is at present, Massachusetts, USA, is a really renowned place of colour at this particular time of year. And I'm sure it's a restful month in my bowling club in Shankill, when most leagues are ending on the rinks and our own internal competitions will be finalised. It's usually a time when the cream of our club bowlers receives their hard-earned accolades from this rewarding game.

Also, our Indoor bowling section competitions will be reaching their pinnacle with the usual cups up for best performances. They also start preparing for their entrance into the usual leagues of their choice which take part in winter months - namely the Wicklow East coast league and a South Dublin league, the N11.

A new competition was also added to the Indoor section in 2024, the Maura Bannon cup, kindly sponsored by renowned lifelong member Maura, to further promote the excellent indoor bowling facility which is part of Shankill bowling club. Indoor Captain Derrig Monks, ably assisted by Maura, are confident that the welcome interest in this can be maintained going forward.

On the outdoor scene, improvements to the rinks are planned for the Autumn, mostly with gardens and shrubs scheduled to get a full makeover by DLR County Council. A grant from the national lottery is to provide a series of improvements such as benches, shelters and whatever other upgrades are deemed necessary. A sub- committee will be formed to determine the most essential benefits befitting the club.

Many congratulations to our members who again took to the road (unless their draws were giving home advantage) to different bowling grounds around Leinster and some parts of Munster, competing in the national cup competitions organized by ILBA each season. In particular, congratulations to our stalwarts who reached the semi-finals or final in their chosen grade. To N. Maguire, semi-final (singles) and B.Brady, L.Rigley, B.Bourke, M. Dixon (MacCredy cup), we say commiserations, and thanks to all who carried with pride the flag of Shankill bowling club in this season's nationals, you may be sure someday yours will be the victory.



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Shankill Valeview Shanganagh Football Club (SVS FC)

by Jay Mahony

A New Season Upon Us

As we enter our 4th season as SVS in the coming weeks, we close the door on what was a mixed season for both teams. The Saturday lads had a very testing and difficult season. While the Sunday lads narrowly missed out on promotion and again have gone from strength to strength.

Major 1B Season Review:
Unfortunately for the Saturday lads it was a disappointing season by all accounts. Between losing important players at the end of last season, injuries to key players at the start of the season, lads going travelling and so on we just couldn't get a settled side together all season and that cost us a bit. On top of that, we had a very poor start before Christmas, which left us a mountain to climb and despite some brilliant results after Christmas we just couldn't claw it back in the end.

Something that can never ever be questioned though, was the commitment and work rate of every single player who played for us this season, and the lads deserve massive credit for that. It's easy to turn up when you're at the top and winning leagues but they never stopped giving their all well in week out right to the end of the season.

Before this season, we had 4 back-to-back promotions, so a season like this was inevitable at some stage and the club will learn a lot from it and will be aiming to bounce straight back this season.

Sunday Division 3 Season Review:
Our LSL division 3 team embarked on the season with a lot of hope and enthusiasm, managed by Brian Moore and Tommy Keenan. They had lost some players from the previous season but signed 10 new quality players to bolster an already very good squad. These players enhanced and improved the team considerably. Unfortunately, injuries, work, college, and school commitments scuppered the season somewhat. Despite this with hard work from players and management they still managed to finish a very credible 4th in the league and reached the semifinal of the league cup. This team has continually improved over its short 3 season existence with hopefully more to come next season.

Tommy Keenan - Sunday Team Manager
Thanks to all the players, managers and coaches and volunteers and committee members for all their hard work throughout the season to make it possible to even play games on the weekend. And lastly thank you also to everyone who came up to support both teams throughout the season, we hope to see you all again for the coming season.

Keith McNamee Moves On:
Keith McNamee has decided to step down as Saturday manager this season due to work commitments. As much as this is a massive loss for the club, everyone would like to thank Keith for his time, effort, and commitment to the club over the last 2 years as manager and beyond that as a player, not to mention the success he brought by winning the league title in just his first season as a manager.

A very well-respected person within the club both as a player and a manager and an absolute legend on and off the pitch, he will be sorely missed by everyone and we want to wish him well for the future.

On the back of that, we now would like to welcome Keith McGuire back to the club as he takes charge of the Saturday side for the coming season. Keith is no stranger to the club having played for the Vale a few years back and he was involved in the squad who won the Liam Dodd Cup back in 2013. Keith also took charge of the Sunday side for a stint a few years back. Keith and his coaching team bring a wealth of LSL experience with them and hopefully he can bring us some more success.

End Of Season Awards
We held our end of season awards night on the 29th of May in Goldsmiths in Bray. It was great to get everyone together after a hard season for a few pints. Special thanks to Goldsmith's for facilitating us at very short notice and for looking after us so well. Unfortunately, there were no league titles or cups to hand out this year but there were plenty of individual awards to give out…

Congratulations to all the winners, each one fully deserved:

- Saturday Players Player of the Year - Pauly Walsh
- Saturday Managers Player of the Year - Cian McGoldrick
- Sundays Players player of the Year - Brendan Stapleton
- Sundays Managers Player of the Year - Stephen Doran
- Club Top Goal scorer - Brendan Stapleton *(26 goals amazing achievement)*
- Pat Cooney Clubman of The Year - Tommy Keenan

Pre-season is well underway at this stage and the start of both leagues is just around the corner now, but as always, we welcome new players to the club, so should you be looking to get back into football or a fresh challenge, get in touch with us through the club's social media pages and we would be more than happy to have you up.

CLG na Seanchille

The Great Wall of Stonebridge
Thank you, thank you people of Shankill, the Stonebridge Road skills wall is under construction and about to become a reality. Thank you so much to the community of Shankill who have supported our many fund-raising events such as, Chase the Ace in Brady's, Club Lotto, Golf Classic, Christmas Tree sales and draw and many other events. This is where we spend our money to provide quality facilities for the Shankill community and this is only the first one of many projects that we are hoping will commence soon. A big thank you to Shankill FC and DLR Parks Department for their support with this great project.

Summer Camps
The two summer camps and the Kellogg's Cúl camp were a great success again this year. Despite the weather we managed to keep going thanks to our GPO Steve Davis and his band of helpers. Thank you to McCartan's Pharmacy who once again sponsored our two club summer camps.

Academy
Attention all Parents of Junior and Senior infants attending our schools. The club Academy which caters for both boys and girls in the 4 years to 6 years age group is in Stonebridge Road at 10.00am to 11.00am every Saturday morning. There are loads of qualified coaches in attendance assisted by our own home-grown young adults drawn from our minor and under 16 years boys and girl's teams. Also, all equipment is provided free and there is no fee for the first several weeks as the children make new friends and learn new skills in a safe and fun environment. Drop in any Saturday morning and give our Academy a try.

Acknowledgment
Our Treasurer would like to acknowledge the anonymous donation of €500 to our club. The money has been lodged to our Development Account, Thank you so much.

Shankill GAA Club... Where We All Belong
Are you a new family moving into our Village? Perhaps already living in Shankill and wanting to make new friends? Well look no further there is a place for you in your local Shankill GAA club working at the heart of our community. From the age of 4 years boys and girls are catered for in our wonderful Academy and All Stars group. From 7 years onwards there is a team or group to join which will bring you on a path right up to our adult teams. Of course, our club isn't all about just playing Football, Hurling and Camogie there is also the Mothers & Others, Dads & Lads, Scor music and Drama groups. There are many other vital roles such as Administration, Coaching, Fund Raising, Social Media etc no previous experience is necessary. We are a "roll up your sleeves and get stuck in" club. Volunteering can be a very rewarding experience, so why not give it a try. Contact Mary O Donnell 086 6072746 or any club member.

ASK the Expert FINANCE CORNER

***Question:** My accountant has told me that I can reduce the amount of income tax I pay by making pension contributions. What is the best way to do this?*

Establishing a pension fund is the best way to ensure you have the financial means and support necessary after you've retired from work. The good thing about pension contributions for self-employed people is that by making a lump sum pension contribution you can reduce your tax bill for the previous year, and in doing so can also reduce the preliminary tax due for the current year. If the actual tax bill you have for 2023 is reduced, your preliminary tax bill for 2024 is also reduced, so that's a double benefit when you are starting a pension.

Indeed, anybody who is paying income tax in Ireland can reduce their tax bill, for the year prior, by making a lump sum pension contribution by the end of October. In doing so you will be entitled to a refund of some of the income tax paid in 2023.

Tax relief is granted at the individual's marginal tax rate, which can either be 40% for top-rate taxpayers or 20% for standard-rate taxpayers. The amount of pension contribution tax relief you can claim depends on both your age and your total earnings. The earnings maximum amount on which you can claim the tax relief is €115,000. The age limits are as follows:

The Pension Tax Relief Age Limits:

>30 years	15%
30-39	20%
40-49	25%
50-54	30%
55-59	35%
60+	40%

For example, you are a 40-year-old earning €60,000 per year and you are a member of an occupational pension plan. You contribute 8% of your salary every year to your pension which your employer matches. This would mean that you could potentially contribute up to a further 17% of your income to an Additional Voluntary Contribution (AVC) pension. You would be entitled to offset this contribution against the income tax paid in 2023 and a refund of tax would be due to you – 17% of €60,000 is €10,200 and 40% tax relief on a €10,200 contribution is €4,080.

Any lump sum pension contribution (Self Employed or AVC) must be made before the tax deadline at the end of October and the election to backdate the tax relief to the previous tax year must also be made before the tax deadline.

Investment growth in a pension fund is not taxed and you can take 25% of your total pension as a tax-free Retirement Lump Sum in retirement (subject to a maximum of €200,000 tax free). You can usually make an AVC through your existing plan if you have an occupational pension, but there are benefits to keeping your AVCs held in a separate policy. These include more flexibility and control over investment decisions, the contribution amount, fund charges as well as access to better fund choice, advice from a financial advisor and access to a choice of investment fund managers.

It is important to talk to a financial advisor to find the right investment for your individual circumstances.

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- Print from the library computers, your laptop, tablet, smart phone or remotely from home.
- Borrow laptops to use while in the library

TO JOIN

Register online or drop in to our library or any DLR library. Bring proof of your name and address – Photo ID plus a document showing your current address.

You can join at any age but children and young people under the age of 18 need the permission of a parent or guardian to join the library.

You can borrow up to 12 physical items on your card for 3 weeks. You can also download a further 12 items from each of our online downloadable book's services.

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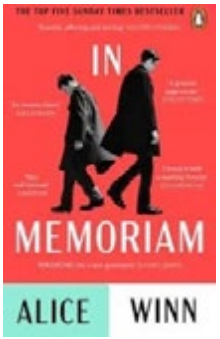
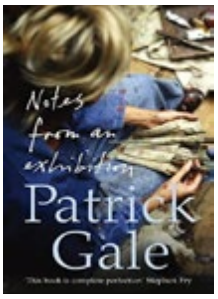


- Our First Tuesday Evening Book Club meets on September 3rd @ 6:00pm to discuss:
  "In Memoriam" *by Alice Winn*

- Our Friday Book Club meets on September 13th at 11:00am to review:
  "Notes from an Exhibition" *by Patrick Gale*



Our book clubs are presently full. New members will be put on a waiting list and informed when a place becomes available.

CRAFT CIRCLE

We run a regular informal crafting circle every Wednesday @ 10:30am. Just bring along your crafts and enjoy a lively conversation and share your crafting tips.

AUTUMN IN THE LIBRARY

Is your child just starting school? If so, drop in to our library to collect ***"My Little Library Bag"***. We have both English and Irish books - *"Making Friends – A Book about First Friendships" by Amanda McCardie, pictures by Colleen Larmour and "Bí ag Spraoi liom! - Sadhbh Devlin a scríobh & Tarsila Kruse a mhaisigh.*

Drop in and browse our collection if you would like to research a topic further or gain knowledge on a vast array of subjects. Have you discovered a new author or a recent published work by a popular author that you would like to read? This time of year, is an ideal time to enhance your learning and improve your reading habits.

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Local History Society Lectures

by James Scannell

Rob Goodbody will present ***'The Lead Mines of Ballycorus and Glendalough in the 19th Century'*** on Wednesday September 11th; James Scannell will present ***'90 Years of the Old Dublin Society' o***n Monday September 16th, and Edward Bourke ***'The Battle of Pearse Street'*** on Wednesday September 25th. All take place at 6 p.m. in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library and Archive, 139-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All are welcome and admission is free.

Old Dublin Society Collection – Catalogue Project
The catalogue work is progressing with assistance of an award from The Heritage Council through the Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2024.

Great progress has been made on the cataloguing of books. These will be added to our existing online catalogue in the library of the Royal Dublin Society and will be widely available for reference to historians (academic & amateur), students and everyone who wishes to learn about matters relating to Dublin's history & heritage.

This work will be completed in autumn 2024. The collection will be open to all, through a link to the R.D.S. library website. An appointment can then be made to visit the library and access specific items of interest. The Old Dublin Society is grateful to the Heritage Council for this support.

Foxrock Local History Club
Cathy Scuffil will present ***'Rabbit Holes - Local 1916 Stories and the Foxrock Connection with the Property Losses Committee'*** at 8 p.m. on Tuesday September 17th in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, Foxrock, Co. Dublin.
All are welcome - admission is €5.

Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society
David Gunning will present ***'Shifting Foundations – The Big Houses of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown'*** at 8 p.m. on Wednesday September 18th in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - admission is €5.

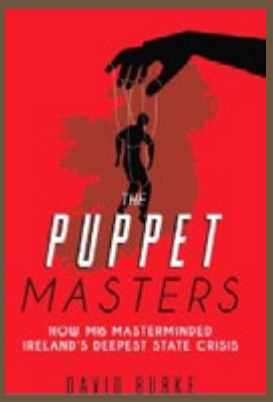
Bray Cualann Historical Society
Nigel Kingston will present ***'The Meath Road, Bray'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday September 19th in The Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All are welcome – admission is free for members and €8 for non-members.

Shankill - Looking Back

A massive storm with intense rain swept South County Dublin during the evening of Saturday September 20th 1924 bringing down trees and telegraph poles. While the storm was as its height Mr. and Mrs. Ayres arrived in Shankill Station around 10.30 p.m. and proceeded to walk home. Outside 'Lordello' on the main road, the residence of Mr. Meredith, they paused for a few moments and while Mr. Ayres was looking at a tree branch hanging from telephone wires, another large branch fell and struck him on the head, rendering him unconscious. He was brought into Mr. Meredith's residence from where Mr. Meredith called out Dr. Taylor, Foxrock, who put three stitches in Mr. Ayres head. The following morning he was removed to St. Columcille's Hospital from where he was transferred to Mercer's Hospital, Dublin, where he underwent an operation on Monday September 22nd but died later that day from his injuries.

On the Sunday morning after the storm, the road between Bray and Shankill was blocked by fallen trees which took men most of the day to clear. The Shankill to Ballybrack road remained blocked for most of that day by fallen trees and associated debris until men were available to clear it.

Publications

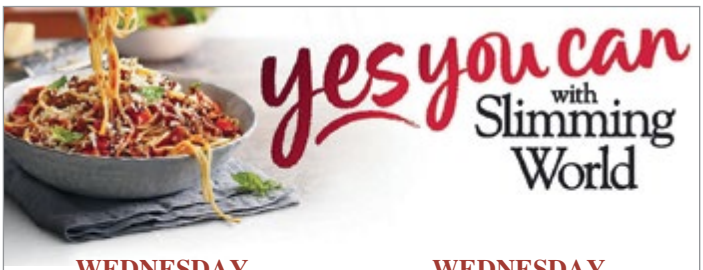


'The Puppet Masters: How MI6 Masterminded Ireland's Deepest State Crisis' by David Burke, published by Mercier Press.

This book uncovers the secret activities of Patrick Crinnion, a Garda intelligence officer working for MI6 during the early Troubles, exposing a web of secrets, covert operations, and power struggles that shaped modern Irish history. In this book the author uncovers the clandestine activities of Patrick Crinnion, a Garda intelligence officer who secretly served MI6 during the early years of the Troubles. As the Garda Síochána launched a manhunt for the Chief-of-Staff of the IRA, Crinnion found himself playing a crucial role in the effort to track him down.

Before his disappearance, Crinnion's actions exposed a web of secrets including those of another British spy in the Irish police force, damaging intelligence leaks, gunrunning by Irish politicians, and a cover-up related to the murder of a Garda. Burke reveals MI6's shady dealings, from attempts to smear Irish politicians to plans for using criminals as assassins and the secret surveillance of a key IRA member. Crinnion fled into exile.

This book not only reveals what became of him but also provides an insightful look into a turbulent period marked by covert operations, betrayal, and the power struggle that shaped modern Irish history.



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Rathmichael Historical Society

by Richard Ryan

Welcome back after the summer break. Those of you who attended our National Heritage Week lectures on the theme of The Monastic Midlands will have enjoyed a top-class series of talks by the leading experts on the theme. What a great opportunity it was to get access to the latest knowledge and to be able to interrogate the experts face-to-face!

Our regular Autumn/Winter monthly lectures will resume on 2nd October and the following is the programme from then on:

- **2nd October:** Recording our Archaeological Heritage: the Role of the Archaeological Survey in the National Monuments Service by Caimin O'Brien.
- **6th November:** The Archaeology of a Dissolved Monastery: Evidence from St. Mary's Abbey Excavation by Ed. O'Donovan.
- **4th December:** St. Nahi's Church in Dundrum by John Lennon.
- **8th January:** To be arranged.
- **5th February:** AGM followed by talk to be arranged.
- **5th March:** Irish Colleges on the Continent by Thomas O'Connor.
- **2nd April:** Earley Studies in Stained Glass by Michael Earley.

All talks will be at 8pm in Rathmichael School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill, Co.Dublin. They will also be viewable by Zoom.

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SHANKILL DAY CARE CENTRE STAFF COMPLETE LEADERSHIP IN HEALTHCARE COURSE.

Celebrating Success

At Shankill Day Care Centre, we are committed to delivering top-quality care and services to our community. In line with this commitment, we are thrilled to announce that two of our dedicated staff members, Belinda O'Toole and Jennifer Bermingham, have recently completed the prestigious Leadership in Healthcare course and graduated with distinction. This achievement marks a significant milestone in their professional development and signals an exciting enhancement of the services we provide both at our day centre and through our Meals on Wheels programme.

Investing in Better Care Leadership in healthcare is not just about managing a team; it's about inspiring others, driving innovation, and ensuring that every aspect of care is delivered with the highest standards. The course, which Belinda and Jennifer have successfully completed, focuses on developing critical skills in strategic planning, team management, and quality improvement. These areas are crucial in today's rapidly evolving healthcare landscape, where the needs of patients and service users are more diverse and complex than ever.

By equipping our team with these advanced leadership skills, Shankill Day Care Centre is poised to further enhance the care and support we offer to our clients. The training Belinda and Jennifer received will allow them to implement more efficient processes, foster a more cohesive and motivated team, and ensure that every service user experiences compassionate, individualised care.

Enhancing Day Centre Services

Our day centre is a lifeline for many in our community, providing a safe and welcoming environment where service users can engage in social activities, receive care, and enjoy companionship. With the knowledge and skills gained from the Leadership in Healthcare course, Belinda and Jennifer are now better equipped to identify and implement improvements in our day-to-day operations. This includes introducing new activities that promote physical and mental well-being, enhancing communication channels between staff and service users, and streamlining administrative processes to ensure that more time is dedicated to direct care. Ultimately, these improvements will lead to a more dynamic and responsive day centre, where each individual's needs are met with care and efficiency.

Looking to the Future

The completion of the Leadership in Healthcare course by Belinda O'Toole and Jennifer Bermingham is a testament to their dedication to professional growth and to the improvement of services at Shankill Day Care Centre. As they bring their new skills and insights to bear on our day-to-day operations, we are confident that the quality of care we provide will continue to rise. This achievement is not just a personal success for Belinda and Jennifer; it is a victory for our entire community. The benefits of strong leadership in healthcare are far-reaching, impacting not only our service users but also their families, our staff, and the broader community we serve. At Shankill Day Care Centre, we are incredibly proud of Belinda and Jennifer's accomplishments and excited for the future. With stronger leadership at the helm, we are better equipped than ever to provide the high-quality, compassionate care that our community deserves.

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JUSTIN KILLCULLEN

Most of you by now will be aware that with the death of Justin Kilcullen, SAGE has lost one of our founder members, our Chairperson and inspiration and of course a great personal friend. May he rest in peace.

Justin in all his activities, which were myriad, had, as his driving force, a powerful drive for justice. He also strongly believed that using hunger as a political weapon, as it often is, was deeply evil. Working for Climate Justice has always been the primary purpose of SAGE, and this will, of course, continue.

He was a formidable player internationally in the fields of justice, development, human rights and Climate Change 25 – 30 years ago, way ahead of most of us. He will be sorely missed, not only by SAGE but also by many around the world.

SAGE was awarded a grant of €100,000 to help with a major retrofit of St. Anne's Resource Centre. We were of course very sad that Justin was no longer with us when we heard the news. We hope that the energy savings will be substantial and that they will act as a model for Shankill, to encourage us to retrofit our own houses, many of which would greatly benefit, financially for the owner and energy saving for the country.

The Season of Creation runs from September 1st to October 4th, the feast of Francis of Assisi. Climate change is causing serious suffering on its own but when combined with the enormous disparities in wealth between countries but also within societies, it forces people to migrate to find a space where they can find safety, and, if not thrive, at least find enough food and a job. The poor, individuals or countries, do not have the capacity to protect themselves from the deteriorating situation. This is why the increasing levels of abuse and violence towards the refugees is so dreadful. As the Native Americans used to say: "do not judge a man until you have walked a mile in his shoes".

Justin felt and lived this very firmly. It is so easy to forget that during and after the famine we depended on the welcome offered to us in other lands. It's a lesson some seem to be forgetting. Famine and malnutrition not only take lives, of course, but for children has life changing consequences by causing permanent damage to brain and body development. Childhood friends of mine started the broiler business and very quickly found that if a chick gets less than optimum food its growth is retarded, no surprise there, but that loss is permanent and cannot be made up by plentiful food later. Similar research around the world shows that our time in the womb and our first 1000 days are crucial to our future lives.

The answer to all this is not to ban people coming here but to try to remove the pressures which push people to abandon their home and culture and try to make a life in a place which gives hope. This is why doing everything we can to stop and reverse climate change is so important and a matter of justice too.

DATA CENTRES

One of the campaigns being run by **Friends of the Earth** at the moment concerns data centres. A few articles in the media have addressed the issue but the most telling point is that between 2015 and 2023, the proportion of our electricity supply used by data centres has increased from about 5% to 23%. The energy use by data centres doubles every few years. This is what is called exponential increase and obviously is unsustainable because very soon this would end up using our entire energy supply.. We all keep vast numbers of pictures and videos in our phones and these are stored in data centres. We don't pay for this because the companies are able to use the images and what we write on social media to train AI, among other uses. The companies sell our data, which we give them and we get 'free' storage in return. Their appetite for data is insatiable because it is worth so much. Recent reports also show that an AI search uses about 30 times the energy of a simple Google search.

The point of all this is that data centres cannot continue to multiply in the way they are doing at present. BUT the companies concerned have no incentive to regulate their proliferation unless governments decide to act. It will of course mean a change in all our habits as we will need to become very selective in what digital stuff we keep. Somehow this worldwide demand and uncontrolled accumulation of data has to stop.

Leadership Coaching at Shankill Business Centre

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- needing someone independent of your workplace to talk to?

If some of these questions resonate, Coaching may be of real benefit to you.

About Leadership Coaching

A Coach is a professional who provides guidance and support to individuals on career choices and challenges in the workplace.

In Coaching, the Coach works with you to unblock obstacles to progress, to problem solve and to make plans towards achieving specific goals. When a Coach engages with you they are totally on your side and committed to working alongside you during a particular stage of your professional journey.

The Coach, drawing on specialist training and expertise, partners with the Coachee, providing opportunities for new perspectives and creative solutions.

Coaching is a well-established professional development intervention, increasingly availed of by managers and executives in organisations. The Coach recognises that the expert in your career is you and they use their knowledge and skills to create a space where you have the time and tools to make the choices that are right for you.

How does it work?

If you are interested in finding out more about Coaching and how it might benefit you, the first step is to avail of a free telephone consultation. This is designed to help you decide if this investment is right for you at this time. (It is worth noting that many employers fund the cost of Coaching). The next step would be your first Coaching session, at the end of which, you decide if you want to engage in more sessions.

If you decide to engage me as your Coach I would then recommend a minimum commitment to a series of four Coaching sessions, which would typically take place over a period of 4-6 months.

Customised and Flexible

Coaching sessions can be in-person, virtual or a combination of both. I would usually recommend that at least the first session be in-person. Session times are flexible and may include evening and weekend appointments.

About me as Coach

Since specialising in one-to-one Coaching ten years ago, I have enjoyed working with individuals across various employment sectors. As member of a coaching panel, I provided support to MBA candidates at the UCD Michael Smurfit School of Business each year, during this period. In this context, I have had the privilege of working with people from various cultural backgrounds, age groups, and career stages.

If you are currently a leader in your workplace and are interested in learning how Coaching can work for you, I invite you to connect.

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School News in scan

Rathmichael National School

We had an energetic end to the school year with our Active Week, Sports Day, school trips and workshops and everyone was excited about the Summer holidays.

We were presented with a fantastic sculpture by one of our families to mark the end of their children's time with us – what a wonderful gift for the whole school to enjoy.

We had two excellent end of term services, one specifically for 6th Class held in Rathmichael Church and one on the school pitch on the last day of term. It was lovely to witness the bond between the 6th Class pupils at their Service and to see how the children have grown up and matured and are now ready to move on to Secondary School. It was wonderful to have our two previous Principals and so many parents with us for the Service on the last day.

As always, our Active Week was full of energy and fun. There was a whole range of activities – Stretch and Grow classes, Cricket, Basketball, Circuits, Dance classes, Baseball, Table Tennis and an Obstacle Course. Everyone really enjoyed getting involved.

Our Sport's Day on 20th June was a huge success. It was fantastic to be able to have all the parents, grandparents and past pupils with us for the day. Our new additions to Sports Day such as activities which focused on teamwork, throwing events and an obstacle course were very well received and brought a different perspective to the day. The Open Day aspect also added to the occasion.

Huge congratulations to our Football Team who won their Inter Primary League and were presented with a Cup and their medals.

Summer Term is never complete without our School Tours and this year was no exception. Classes went to Carlingford Adventure Centre, to Leinster House and the Dáil, to Dublinia and Viking Splash, Butlers Chocolate Warehouse and Croke Park and Glenroe Farm. The children all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and I am very grateful to staff and parents who accompanied them on these trips.

Visitors to school included representatives of CIH (Children in Hospital), who spoke to 4th Class about the work of the independent charity. The class helped put activity packs together which will be distributed to children in hospital to help create a more positive experience for them at a difficult time in their lives. We also had a visit from two representatives from the RNLI who gave water safety talks to 5th and 6th Classes. They impressed upon the children the need to be cautious around water and also what to do in the event of an incident involving themselves and their friends. We had very successful African Drumming workshops for all the classes on 14th June where the children learnt about rhythm and the basics of drumming. They really enjoyed themselves and joined in with great energy and enthusiasm.

I would like to wish all our departing 6th Class pupils the very best as they move on to Secondary school – I am sure they will be back to visit us, particularly on the day of the Parish Fete, on 7th September – a date for all our diaries!

Naomi Rousseau (*Principal*)

Update from...

Cormac Devlin TD

Sadly, we lost Justin Kilcullen in July. He had a very distinguished career helping the most marginalised through his work in Trócaire and Social Justice Ireland, but he also played an active role in Shankill through many organisations, including SAGE. He will be terribly missed by all who knew him. My condolences to his wife Roisin, his children Eoin, Michael, and Ruth, his wider family and all his friends and neighbours in Shankill. *Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.*

BUDGET 2025
Preparations for Budget 2025 are well underway, I have been engaging with Minister Jack Chambers and local and national groups about their priorities for the budget.

We need to see a decent tax package for workers, further cost-of-living supports for households, and an increase to the state pension and other payments. It is also important increased funding is allocated to education, health, disability services, childcare and housing.

I have also raised the need for Inheritance Tax thresholds to be reviewed to reduce the burden on families. If you have any feedback, please get in contact.

CHILDCARE
I have raised the need for additional childcare to be provided across Dún Laoghaire with Minister Roderic O'Gorman. The current situation is unacceptable and it has become increasingly difficult for parents to find places.

The Minister has recently established a Supply Management Unit which is examining supply and demand for créches around the country. We need to see urgent action and I will be following up the issue in the Dáil.

HOT SCHOOLS MEALS PROGRAMME
The Hot School Meals Programme has been expanded again with almost every school in the country now covered. This will help parents keep down the cost of school.

The Minister has said she hopes to expand the programme to every school as part of Budget 2025 and schools that have not applied are encouraged to make an application or express interest.

Roger Casement Commemoration 2024

HOUSING
Residents will be aware the 597-unit public housing development at Shanganagh Castle is close to completion. The scheme includes 200 social housing units for people on the Council housing list, 306 Cost Rental units (for people earning above the threshold for social housing support) and 91 homes available for Affordable Purchase. Full details about the letting/purchase arrangements will be published on affordablehousing.ie shortly.

IMPROVING OUR BUILT HERITAGE
The government have expanded the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) which supports the maintenance of historic properties. The scheme also supports local trades and crafts people to ensure important practices and skills honed over generations are maintained. 1,600 projects have been awarded funding in the past 3 years.

Increased grants of up to €50,000 will be available (up from €15,000) and the timeframe for applications has been extended to Friday 27th September. Full details are available from Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council.

KEEP IN TOUCH
As always, if you have any questions or need clarification about any measures, please get in touch at telephone 01 2750786 or email ***cormac@cormacdevlin.ie***.

You can also sign up to my regular e-bulletin at ***cormacdevlin.ie***

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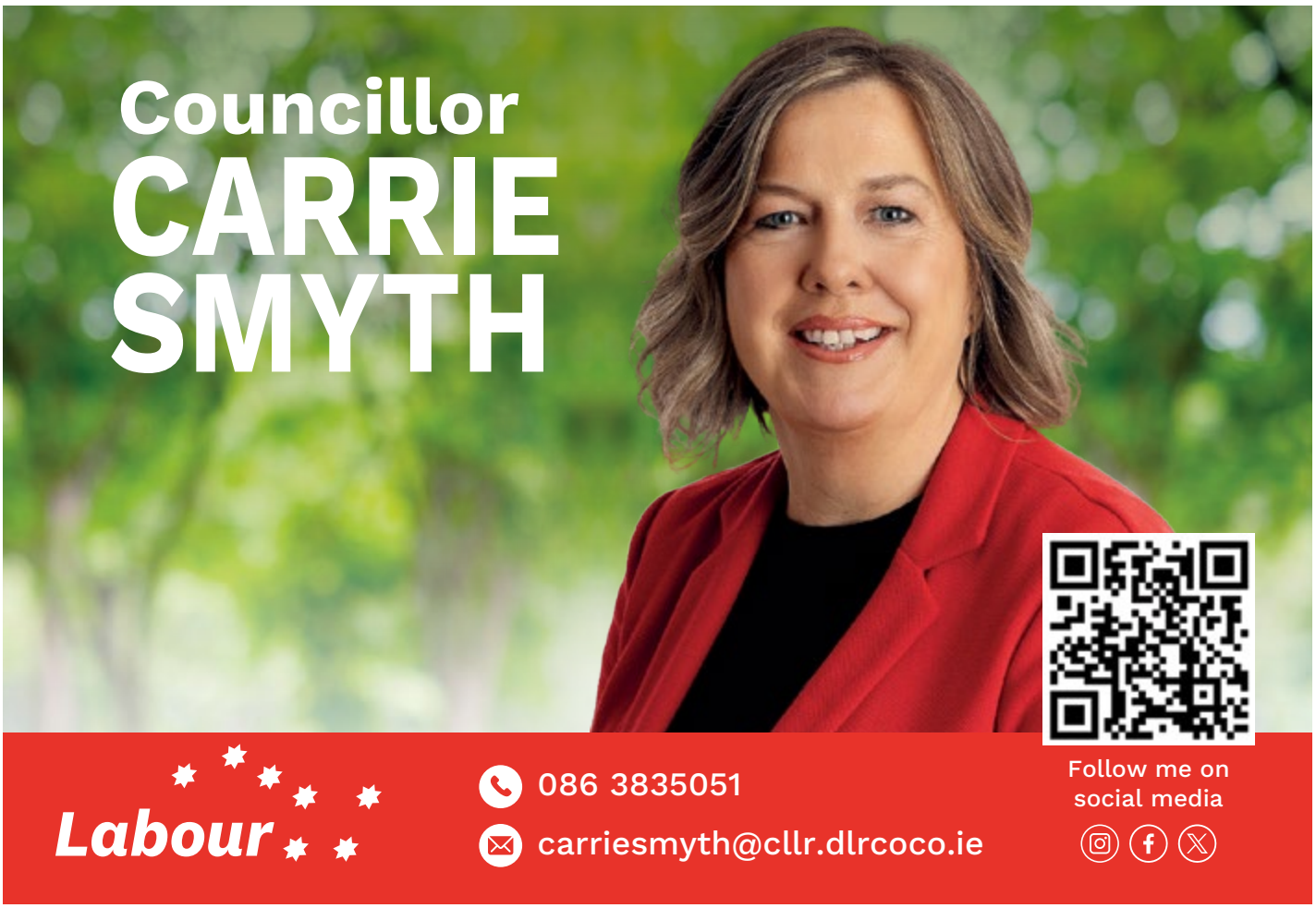

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In July, our dedicated volunteer community responders were hard at work, answering 21 emergency calls across the areas we serve. Their commitment to providing swift and effective assistance is unwavering, and we are proud of their continued efforts. Our responders are constantly refining their skills through regular training sessions. On July 4th, we hosted a special scenario night that brought together several Community First Responder (CFR) groups. This practical session involved navigating a range of emergency situations, providing valuable hands-on experience. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all participants and, most importantly, to the NAS Community Engagement officer for his invaluable insights and guidance.

Mark your calendars! Our next free ***"Hands for Life"*** training session is scheduled for Monday, September 23rd, 2024, at 7 PM at St. Anne's Resource Center. Don't miss this opportunity to learn essential life-saving skills. To reserve your spot, visit the news section of our website at ***www.shankillcfr.ie*** and click on the link to secure your place.

For latest updates, follow us on our Facebook page ***"Shankill & Ballybrack CFR,"*** and/or our Instagram account ***@shankillballybrackcfr.***

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OFFICIAL OPENING OF NEW PORTACABIN FOR CASTLE ALLOTMENTS AT QUINN'S ROAD, SHANKILL

Saturday 15th June 2024

In mid-June 2024, we were delighted to once again be able to use the canteen facilities at Castle Allotments following completion of our new portacabin.

Frank Flynn, Carrie Smyth, Denis O'Callaghan, Jim Gildea, Ed Ryan, and Pat McCann

To mark the occasion, it was officially opened by An Cathaoirleach Denis O'Callaghan. As Denis has now retired from public office after 33 years of service to the community in the area, this was his last official function in the Killiney-Shankill LEA. The event was attended by not only plot holders from Castle Allotments but also newly re-elected County Councillors, Carrie Smyth and Jim Gildea and representatives from local groups. These included Shankill & Ballybrack Community First Responders; Shankill Tennis Club, SCAN, Shankill Tidy Towns and South Shankill Residents Association (apologies received from Shankill Bowling Club and Corbawn Residents Association).

As an expression of our gratitude, the Meet and Greet Team on behalf of all the plot holders made a presentation to Denis in acknowledgement of all his assistance, advice and support over the many years, before and since the establishment of Castle Allotments.

A word of thanks to Frank Flynn of the Parks Department and his team is getting the portacabin ready for use and the surrounding landscaping work.

Many thanks to all who attended and brought along cakes, scones and biscuits and a special thanks to the Members of the Meet and Greet Team for all their efforts on the day and in the run-up period to ensure that it was a success.

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TAKING IN CHARGE WOODBANK ESTATE

I was delighted to propose the following resolution at the July County Council meeting. It has taken years to get to this.
"It is hereby RESOLVED that, in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 (as amended), that the open space, roads, footpaths, public lighting, surface water sewer, foul sewer and watermains at Woodbank, Shankill, Co. Dublin (as detailed in Drawing Number (BC-1780-TIC-01) be taken in charge by Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council."

CAPITAL BUDGET 2024-2026

The following local projects are included in the 2024-2026 Capital Budget Community, Parks, Recreational Facilities -- Development Contribution funded projects:

- **Clifton Park** – Improvement Works to the open space including paths, seating, play, allisthenics and woodland planting. Preliminary design work
- **Shankill Tennis Club** – Upgrade Redevelopment of Tennis Facilities. Detailed design/Pre-tender
- **Woodbrook College** – Pitches Construction of All Weather Pitch
- **Shanganagh Road Interim Works** – Phase 3 Interim Works. Proposed/Pre-feasibility
- **Shanganagh Castle preliminary works** (including roof repair and safety works) – Works on securing structure and Castle grounds.
- **Shanganagh Castle** – Refurbishment of the castle. Feasibility Study

SHANGANAGH CASTLE AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Affordable Housing element of the Shanganagh Castle Scheme will be officially launched later this month. Demand for the homes is expected to be very high. The council has an Affordable Housing Scheme which will be used to determine how the homes will be allocated. 70% of the units will be allocated to the public regardless of where they live while 30% will be allocated to persons who currently live or work in, or have lived at any time, in the Dun Laoghaire- Rathdown County Council administrative area. Note that persons from DLR can qualify under the 70% allocation but only DLR current or former residents can qualify under the 30% allocation.

What is the Affordable Home Purchase Scheme?

Homes will be made available at a reduced price for buyers who are seeking to purchase a newly built home but need to bridge the gap between their mortgage and deposit to cover the full price of the home. The Scheme provides purchasers with an equity facility. This means that purchasers will enter into an agreement with the Council whereby they will receive additional funds from the Council in return for the Council taking an equity share in the property.

The purchaser can redeem or 'buy out' the equity share at a time but there is no obligation to do so. If the purchaser chooses not to redeem the equity share while living in the home, the Council can do so when the property is sold, transferred, or after the death of the owner. The Scheme is aimed at households who using their combined deposit and the maximum mortgage they can get approval for, still cannot afford the home at its open market value. Full details on the Scheme can be found on the council's website below.

https://www.dlrcoco.ie/housing/purchase-home/affordable-home-purchase-scheme

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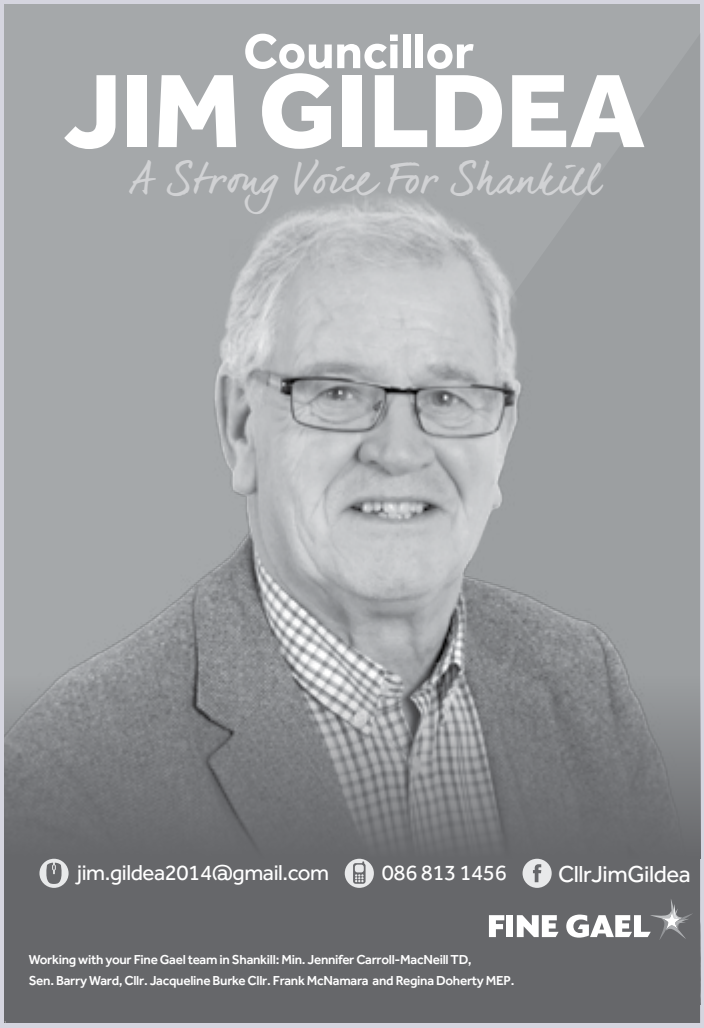
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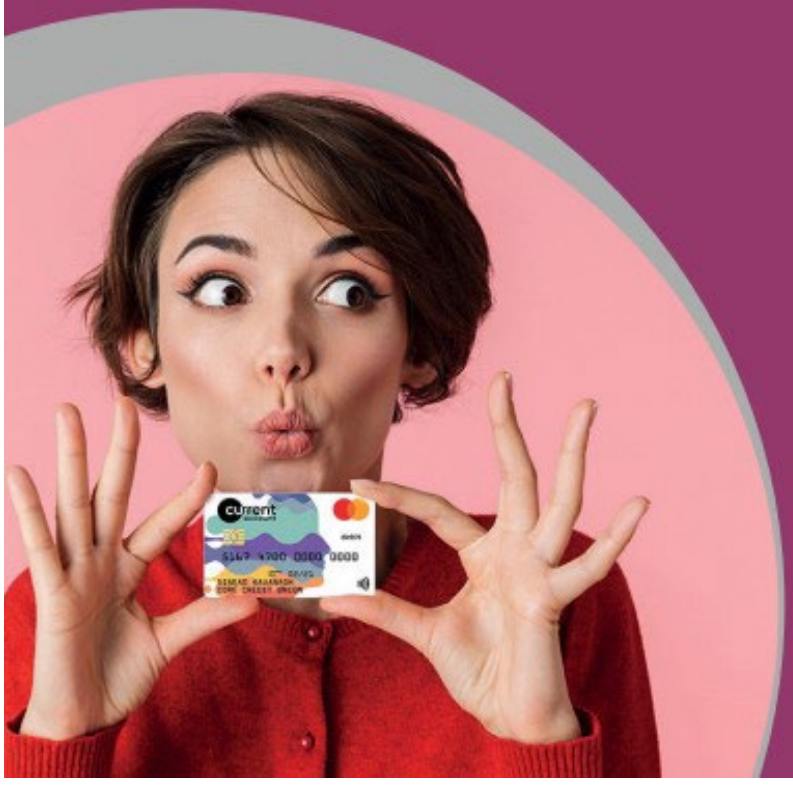

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"I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the residents of the Killiney – Shankill Local Electoral Area for your incredible support throughout my re-election campaign to Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council.

Thank you to all those who voted for me. Your ongoing support throughout my journey as your local Councillor, is very much appreciated."

FORMER COUNCILLOR DENIS O'CALLAGHAN

Denis with members of Shanganagh Park House Board of Management and staff of the Community Department in DLR.

I wish Denis O'Callaghan a very happy, long and fulfilled retirement.

Denis retired from local politics when he did not seek re-election in June. Denis has served his constituents from Bray to Glenageary including Shankill for over thirty uninterrupted years.

I was fortunate to be Denis's party colleague and to serve with Denis for the betterment of our constituents.

BUS CONNECTS BRAY TO CITY CENTRE CORE BUS CORRIDOR SCHEME

I received correspondence from An Bord Pleanála dated the 30th of July 2024 regarding Bus Connects – Bray to City Centre Route. The determination of the case is postponed. No date has yet been given for resolution,

UPDATE – WOODBROOK DART STATION

After receiving representations from constituents wondering when the new DART Station will be completed at Woodbrook, I contacted Irish Rail and received the following update:

"Construction is underway at Woodbrook DART Station and all going to plan this is due to be complete in Summer 2025."

TAKING IN CHARGE – WOODBANK, SHANKILL

At the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council meeting on Monday, the 1st of July it was agreed unanimously to the taking in charge of the footpaths, foul sewer, open space, public lighting, roads, surface water sewer and water mains at Woodbank, Shankill, Co. Dublin.

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To date, 9 Fingerposts have been erected:

- ***Rathmichael/Rath Michil*** at Rathmichael Church.
- ***Woodbrook/Sruthán na Choille*** at Woodbrook College.
- ***Shanganagh Cemetery/Reilig Sheangánach*** at the Cemetery Junction on the Bray Road.
- ***Tillystown/Baile Uí Taithligh*** and ***Rathmichael/Rath Michil*** on the Dublin Mountains Way.
- ***Village - Dublin Mountains Way / Sráidbhaile - Slí Shleibhte B.Á.C.*** at the DART Station.
- ***Rathsallagh/Ráth Salach*** at the pedestrian entrance to Rathsallagh off Shanganagh Road.
- ***Shanganagh Beach / Trá Sheangánach*** at the Corbawn Lane beach access.
- ***Shankill/Seanchill*** at the Shanganagh river estuary on the coastal path at Shanganagh Cliffs.

Townlands are a very important component in our heritage, as they are the ancient Irish system of placenames dating back to before the Norman invasion. There are over 60,000 townlands in Ireland and over 1,000 in County Dublin.

The civil parish of Rathmichael includes 3 large townlands, Shanganagh (686 acres) on the coast and further inland, Shankill (1,192 acres) and Rathmichael (403 acres). Its other townlands are Ballycorus (235 acres), Barnaslingan (181 acres) Glebe, (30 acres) and Johnstown (20 acres). Most of modern Shankill, and all of its coast, is in the townland of Shanganagh. The website ***townlands.ie*** has lots of detail of traditional Irish land divisions.

Another useful resource is **logainm.ie**, the placenames database of Ireland, which gives Irish translations of townland and other placenames. These may, in some cases, be disputed. For example, there are several places called Shankill, most of which are given as Seanchill (Old Church) in Irish but some are listed as Seanchoill (Old Wood). Shanganagh is translated as Seangánach (Place of the Ants) but there may be some confusion with Old Conna / Seanchonach. Rathmichael may not refer to the archangel but to a saint called Mac Táil, or even an old Viking family, MacTurkell.

Some placenames such as Woodbrook and Tillystown are not townland names and so more difficult to translate. As Tillystown derives from the family name Tilly, the Irish translation is based on this name which may be a variation of Tully or, in English, Flood.

Unfortunately, some fingerposts have been defaced:

Shankill TidyTowns

email: shankillmatters@gmail.com

PLANNING NOTICES *compiled by Cllr. Jim Gildea*

We are aware that some of the notices about planning applications and decisions are out of date by the time you receive your SCAN but we believe our readers would like to know what is going on in their area. We would like to remind you to keep a look out for new planning notices and, if you need further information, go to the Planning Office in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Hall, Marine Road and request to see the plans.

D24A/0473 Seeking Permission Date: 02/07/2024
Slawomir Franczyk, 9 Library Road, Shankill, D18K792
Permission for: 1. Demolition of front porch, rear extension, chimney, side shed and prefab structure in rear garden. 2. Construction of single storey front extension, attic conversion with rooflights to front & rear, new windows to side gable and alteration to front windows, conversion of part of existing dwelling to Granny Flat. 3. Construction of two storey extension to rear (ground floor kitchen/living and first floor bedroom use). 4. Widen vehicular access to front at 9 Library Road, Shankill.

D24A/0492 Seeking Permission for Retention Date: 03/07/2024
Conor Goff, 60 Roseville Cottage, Commons Road, D18 NXR6
Permission for retention & alterations to development of part dormer dwelling with two storey extension to north rear side and single story extension on west side with open canopy over entrance door; demolition and removal of second storey rear north elevation wall and flat roof and replace it with a reduced height pitched roof; demolition and removal of flat roof & roof garden to the ground floor extension on the west side of the building and replace it with a pitched roof and pergola. Installation of new ground floor bedroom window to the east wall and a new rooflight over the master bedroom. Execution of new flood defense works including installation of flood protection gates.

LRD24A/0482/WEB Seeking Permission (LRD) Date: 04/07/2024
Castlethorn Management Services UC, Lands in the townlands of Cork Little & Shanganagh, Shankill, County Dublin
Permission for a Large-Scale Residential Development comprising amendments to permitted Strategic Housing Development (SHD) ABP Ref. ABP-305844-19 – Woodbrook Phase 1, on an overall site of c. 21.9 Ha. The overall site is bounded by the Old Dublin Road (R119) and St. James (Crinken) Church to the west, Shanganagh Public Park and Cemetery to the north, Woodbrook Golf Course to the east and Corke Lodge and woodlands and Woodbrook Golf Clubhouse and car park to the south. The development comprises amendments to the large courtyard apartment blocks A, B & C at its eastern edge involving: - Block A: An additional 9 residential units (3 X 1-bed apartments, 2 X 2-bed apartments, 4 X 2-bed duplex units) at ground floor level; amendments to the layout of 3 X duplex units; omission of 3 car parking spaces and increased bicycle parking provision. - Blocks B & C: An additional 13 residential units (4 X 1-bed apartments, 6 X 2-bed apartments, 3 X 2-bed duplex units) at ground floor level in each block; amendments to the layout of 1 unit at ground floor level and 3 X units at first floor level; omission of podium structure including all undercroft car parking; overall height reduction of Block A by 1225mm and Block B & C by 1150mm; addition of access paths from Blocks B and C toward the linear park pedestrian / cycle path and additional crossing points on Woodbrook Avenue.
The proposed works are on 2.52Ha of the wider Phase 1 site of 21.9Ha. The scheme would increase the overall number of dwellings at Phase 1 by 35 units from 682 to 717.

D24B/0310/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 09/07/2024
Brian Crofts & Catherine Mc Donald, 109, Quinn's Road, Shankill, D18X430
Permission for alterations and a ground floor rear extension of approx. 8sqm; conversion of attached garage of approx. 16.36sqm to ancillary areas for our dwelling including front elevational changes together with all ancillary and associated site works.

D24A/0523/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 16/07/2024
Miguel Fitzgerald & Natacha Fitzgerald-Soto, 6A, Old Rathmichael, Shankill, Dublin 18
Construction of a 3 bed detached (dormer) dwelling (approx. 208m2 gross internal area) including driveway, 2 car parking space, new service & drainage connections, together with a wastewater treatment system & soil polishing filter, new gate, piers & pedestrian gate to existing entrance, all site development works, on site comprising 0.315 hectares

D24B/0325 Seeking Permission Date: 17/07/2024
James & Niamh MacCarthy-Morrow, Abilene, 67 Quinn's Road, Shankill, D18FK15
Conversion of the attic space of the single storey dwelling to a room with bathroom; provision of a dormer window on the front & rear of existing pitched roof; access via a spiral stair in the downstairs cloakroom.

D24A/0582/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 01/08/2024
D24A/0592 Seeking Permission Date: 02/08/2024
Niall Stapleton, Glenview Cottage, Brides Glen Road, Rathmichael, D18 W306
Permission to: 1. Demolish existing single storey lean-to on house and shed in garden. 2. Construct single storey extension to the rear of the existing dwelling. Remove roof of the existing single storey extension to be retained, build-up walls and build new flat roof to form taller flat roof extension. New window opening to gable of the existing dwelling. 3. Construct single storey shed to rear garden. 4. Parking area, landscaping and surface water soakway. 5. Secondary wastewater treatment system and Soil Percolation filter.

PLANNING DECISIONS

D24A/0321 Grant Permission Date: 03/07/2024
Nicola and John Hickie, Marieville, 2 Dublin Road, Shankill, D18A8X7
Permission for demolition of existing single storey garage & construction of a single storey timber clad bedroom with en-suite shower room to side of bunglow including new side entrance gate together with all associated site works, services and landscaping.

D24A/0335 Grant Permission & Grant Retention Date: 05/07/2024
Martin & Angela O'Donnell, 8 Old Rathmichael, Rathmichael, Dublin 18
1. Retention of the following (Previous permission D08/1289) A) Increase in height from 9.484 to 10.843. B) Attic space changed to habitable use. C) First floor window on north gable elevation. D) First floor window on east elevation. E) Entrance gate design. F) Rear garden hard landscape layout. G) Minor alterations to bike shed/boiler house on south-east corner of house. H) Covered barbeque area located on south west corner of house. I) Curved stone face wall on south east corner of house. 2. The development for planning permission consists of the relocation of the western site boundary.

D23A/0806 Grant Permission Date: 15/07/2024
Maplepond Ltd., Saint Annes, Dublin Road, Shankill, D18H9V3
Development on site of approx 0.6 Ha. consisting of: a) The demolition of all single storey non-original extensions associated with the existing Saint Anne's residential dwelling (A Protected Structure). b) removal of all temporary timber sheds on site. c) refurbishment and two storey extension of Saint Anne's to provide for a newly renovated 2 storey 4 bedroom residential dwelling c) construction of a residential development of 23 units in 3 new build Blocks A,B and C all 3 stories in height; the refurbishment and 2 storey extension of St. Anne's will provide for a newly renovated 2 storey 4 bedroom residential dwelling with associated car parking and private open space area. The new build development of 23 residential units (9 X apartment units, 9 X duplex units and 5 X house units) will comprise: Block A (3 storeys) 2 X 2 bed apt. units at ground floor level; 2 X 3 bed duplex units over first and second floor levels and 1 semi detached 3 bed townhouse over ground, first and second floor level. Block B (3 storeys) 4 X 4 bed terraced townhouses. Block C (3 storeys) 7 X 2 bed apt. units and 7 X 3 bed duplex units . Each residential dwelling has an associated area of private open space in the form of a balcony/terrace/rear garden area. The development provides for a relocated vehicular access point further south along Dublin Road, a new pedestrian/cyclist access point via Dublin Road, 35 X car parking spaces (29 standard, 4 electric vehicle and 2 disabled spaces). 52 X standard and 2 X cargo bicycling parking spaces, 2 X bin stores, an ESB substation, 2 X public open space areas and 2 X communal open space areas including a new play area. All infrastructural, landscaping and boundary treatment works. Associated site clearance, excavation and development works.

D24A/0351/WEB Grant Permission Date: 15/07/2024
Amarinder Singh & Amy Poulton, 89A Mountain View, Crinken Glen, Dublin, D18PF2P
Permission for a new flat roof side extension 18.9 sqm to existing dwelling. A new location of the proposed entrance from the public road and parking area. Associated site works.

D24B/0263 Grant Permission Date: 24/07/2024
Liam & Orlagh McGarry, 47 The Elms, Crinken Glen, D18R1X4
Permission for a pitched roof porch extension to the front, single storey flat roof extension to the rear & internal alterations to existing house, to include three new windows on the ground floor south elevation with associated works.

LRD24A/0396/WEB Grant Permission Date: 25/07/2024
Cairn Homes Properties Ltd., Site south of Abingdon, Shanganagh Road, Shankill, Dublin 18
Permission for amendments to Strategic Housing Development Ref. ABP-308418-20 as follows: Amend Blocks B, C and D to provide 5 X additional

apartments resulting in a total of 198 units across the entire development. Alterations to the internal layout and facades to replace amenity space and cycle parking with 3 additional 1-bed units in Block B, 1 additional 1-bed unit in Block C and 1 additional 1-bed unit in Block D. Amend the car parking arrangement providing for an overall increase of 3 spaces. Alterations to the permitted public open space to provide 3 X external bike stores and 2 X visitor bicycle parking clusters along with the replacement of the permitted Pavilion with a playground. All associated site services and development works.

D24B/0325 Declare Application Invalid Date: 22/07/2024
James & Niamh MacCarthy-Morrow, Abilene, 67 Quinn's Road, Shankill, D18FK15
(Details as above under Planning Applications)

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APPEALS DECISION BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA

D23A/0054 Refuse Permission Appeal Decided: 07/06/2024
Council Decision: Refuse permission
Galadar Properties Limited, 26 Rose Cottage, Cherrywood Road, Shankill, D18 P4A7
Lands bounded by existing residential development to the north, woodland area to the south. Saint Columcilles Hospital to the east. and Loughlinstown River to the west, at Bray Road, Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin.
Permission for construction of (a) a 120 bed Nursing Home Facility (4 and 5 storeys) and all associated ancillary/common areas (b) 29 X 1 bed Independent Living Units in a 6 storey block served by private open space in the form of a balcony/terrace space. All associated infrastructure & site works. The development shall provide for a new vehicular/pedestrian entrance via Cherrywood Road including a new road bridge over Loughlinstown River, a new uncontrolled pedestrian crossing at Cherrywood Road and pedestrian access via Bray Road. There are no works proposed to the existing residential dwelling Rose Cottage.

D23A/0439 Appeal Has Been Withdrawn Appeal Decided: 21/06/2024
Council Decision: Grant permission
Paul Horkan, Ahalan Cottage, Old Connaught Avenue, Bray, Co. Dublin
Demolition of existing single storey house and development of: a) 3 X 3 bed 2 storey terraced houses. b) 1 X 3 storey apartment block containing 4 X 2 bed apartments and 2 X 1 bed apartments. c) New boundary wall to the front of the development on Old Connaught Avenue. d) All associated site works and landscaped open spaces.

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